

# NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT

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### **E-filing Begins in Scotts Bluff County**

In a move that will forever change how the district court in Scotts Bluff County does business, lawyers may now electronically file certain cases.

"This development puts the Nebraska Judicial Branch solidly into the 21<sup>st</sup> century," Chief Justice Mike Heavican said, "And while we are starting with a limited number of cases that may be e-filed, our plan is to create a paperless e-filing system for as many cases as we can, as soon as possible."

The first phase of the project allows for e-filing of some domestic cases such as Divorce and Paternity, as well as Contract disputes, Transcribed judgments, and Negligence cases. Soon to follow is the availability for County Attorneys to e-file Paternity cases.

Clerk of the District Court, Ann Rosenberry stressed that e-filing is simply another, more convenient, option for attorneys. "While we like to stay in touch with all of the attorneys in the area, it is no longer necessary that they make the trip to the courthouse to file paperwork. We look forward to offering this convenient service to the law offices doing business with our court." We are honored that the Supreme Court has chosen Scottsbluff County as one of first courts in the state for an e-file site -- we are ready to make it a success."

According to national experts, there are several benefits to e-filing. Among them:

- Electronic filing allows judges, attorneys, litigants and court staff to file and access documents electronically via the Internet, 365 days a year, seven days a week.
- Documents can be filed or accessed in any location, at any time, and with basic equipment and basic computer knowledge.
- Multiple individuals, including judges, attorneys, court personnel or litigants, can access documents at the same time.
- Electronic filing services are free. The only cost will be filing fees – the same fees that are incurred with paper documents.
- Electronic filing is ecologically friendly and will greatly reduce the vast amount of paperwork generated by the courts. Additionally, more and more government agencies are allowing access to their business processes through the Internet, as they move away from paper.

- Electronic filing will help the courts operate with increased efficiency that will directly affect attorneys and their clients.

The Nebraska Judicial Branch and Nebraska.gov have spent the past several months preparing to implement this particular e-filing system.

Additional information is available through the Nebraska Judicial Branch Web site, [www.supremecourt.ne.gov](http://www.supremecourt.ne.gov), and [support@nebraska.gov](mailto:support@nebraska.gov)

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